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| Title of Application: | Optical Instrument, in Particular an Endoscopic Instrument |
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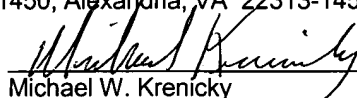
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Response to Official Action

This is a response to the outstanding Office Action mailed 27 January 2005. Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Please amend the claims as detailed below. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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